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In re application of:

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OHMIC CONTACT PLUG HAVING AN  
IMPROVED CRACK FREE TiN BARRIER  
METAL IN A CONTACT HOLE AND METHOD  
OF FORMING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 7, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of January 12, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.